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ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment to the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and Singapore

The Textiles Surveillance Body has received four notifications from the United States, of further amendments to its Article 4 bilateral agreement with Singapore, concerning firstly, the introduction of four new product categories covering down and feather-filled apparel; secondly, the establishment of a specific limit for Category 320; thirdly, an increase in the consultation level for Category 319, and fourthly, an increase in the consultation level for Category 341.—

The TSB, pursuant to its procedure regarding bilateral agreements notified under Article 4^{2/}, has examined the relevant documentation and is circulating the text of these notifications to participating countries for their information.—^{3/}

^{1/} The original agreement concluded under the 1981 Protocol of Extension, and previous amendments, are to be found in COM.TEX/SB/764, 765 and 784.

^{2/} See COM.TEX/SB/35, Annex B.

^{3/} The TSB's observations on these notifications are to be found in COM.TEX/SB/810, paragraphs 7 to 9.

Amendment No. 1

United States Letter

May 17, 1982

Mr. Lim Kim Kuay
Director
Department of Trade
2nd Flr, World Trade Center
Singapore 0409

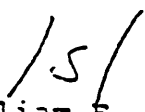
Dear Mr. Lim:

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to my letter of February 8, 1982. In that letter my government proposed that Annex A of the agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes on August 21, 1981, as amended ("The Agreement") be amended to include the following cotton and man-made fiber apparel categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Conversion Factor</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
353	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, W, G and I	41.3	Dz.
354	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, M and B	41.3	Dz.
653	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, W, G and I	41.3	Dz.
654	Down and feather-filled coats, jackets and vests, M and B	41.3	Dz.

We would appreciate your government's reconsideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,


William E. Spruce
Economic/Political Counselor

Singapore Letter

20 May 82

Mr William E Spruce
Economic/Political Counsellor
Embassy of the United States of America
30 Hill Street
Singapore 0617

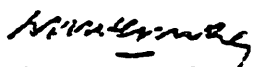
Dear Mr Spruce

Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 1982 proposing that the existing agreement between Singapore and the United States relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products be expanded to include the four categories of down-filled apparel (Categories 353, 354, 653 and 654) and that these categories be subjected to a minimum consultation level of 700,000 SYE (or 16,949.15 decens) for each category.

2 On behalf of my Government, I confirm that the proposal contained in your letter is acceptable to Singapore.

3 Your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Yours sincerely


LIM HUI KENG
for DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE

Amendment No. 2
United States Letter

May 17, 1982
Singapore

Mr. Lim Kim Kuay
Director
Department of Trade
2nd Flr, World Trade Center
Singapore 0409

Dear Mr. Lim:

I am writing with reference to the agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes August 21, 1981, as amended ("The Agreement"), and to discussions concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in textile category 320.

On behalf of my government, I would like to propose that Annex B of the agreement be amended to establish the following specific limits for category 320:

Agreement Year	Level
1982	8,000,000 Square Yards
1983	8,400,000 Square Yards
1984	8,820,000 Square Yards
1985	9,261,000 Square Yards

If this proposal is acceptable to your government, this letter and your letter of confirmation on behalf of your government shall constitute an amendment to the agreement.

Sincerely,

William E. Spruce
Economic/Political Counselor

Singapore Letter

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30 Hill Street
Singapore 0617

Dear Mr Spruce

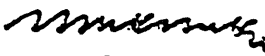
I refer to your letter dated 12 Jun 82 concerning the agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to trade in cotton, wool and man-made fibre textiles and textile products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes dated 21 Aug 81, as amended ("The Agreement"), concerning exports from Singapore to the United States of products classified in textile Category 320.

2 On behalf of my Government, I confirm that your proposal with regard to Category 320 as specified in Annex B of the Agreement be amended to establish the following specific limits for Category 320 :

<u>Agreement Year</u>	<u>Level</u>
1982	8,000,000 Square Yards
1983	8,400,000 Square Yards
1984	8,820,000 Square Yards
1985	9,261,000 Square Yards.

3 Your letter and this letter of confirmation shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Yours sincerely


LIM KIE NUAY
for DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE

Amendment No. 3

Singapore Letter

26 July 1982

Mr Denis Lamb
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and Business
Affairs
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

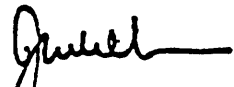
Dear Mr Lamb

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Singapore-US Bilateral Textile Agreement signed on 21 August 1981, Singapore wishes to request an increase in the minimum consultation level for Category 319.

The Singapore Government would appreciate it if the consultation level for Category 319 could be increased from the current level of 3,000,000 SYE to 3,900,000 SYE. The increase in level is urgently needed to enable Singapore manufacturers to fulfil outstanding contracts.

I would appreciate an early and favourable response from you in respect of this request.

Yours sincerely


Jack Choo
First Secretary

United States Letter

August 3, 1982

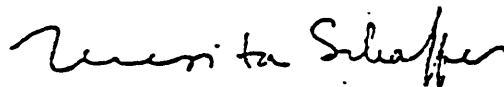
Mr. Jack Choo
First Secretary
Embassy of Singapore
1834 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Choo:

I am writing with reference to paragraph 5 of Agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes August 21, 1981, as amended ("the Agreement") and to your letter of July 26, 1982 in which you request on behalf of the Government of Singapore that the consultation level for category 319 be increased to 3,900,000 syd for the 1982 Agreement Year.

I am pleased to inform you that my Government agrees to this request and that your letter and this reply thereto constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely



Teresita Schaffer
Acting, Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs

Amendment No. 4
Singapore Letter

26 August 1982

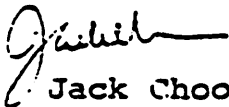
Dear Mr Lamb

I am writing to you with regard to the Agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes on 21 August 1981, as amended ("the Agreement"), and further to my letter dated 22 June 1982 wherein it was agreed that the consultation level for Category 341 for the Agreement Year 1982 be increased from 700,000 SYE to 845,000 SYE.

On behalf of my Government, I wish to request a consideration for a further increase in the consultation level for Category 341 for the Agreement Year 1982 from 845,000 SYE to 1,019,000 SYE. The request is necessitated by the urgent need to enable Singapore manufacturers to meet outstanding contracts.

I trust that this request receive your urgent consideration.

Yours sincerely



Jack Choo
First Secretary

United States Letter

20 September 1982

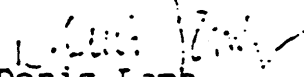
Mr. Jack Choo
First Secretary
Embassy of the Republic of Singapore
1824 R Street
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Choo:

I am writing to you with regard to the Agreement between the United States and Singapore relating to Trade in Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products, with annexes, effected by exchange of notes on August 21, 1981, as amended ("the Agreement"), and to your letter of August 26 1982 requesting a further increase in the consultation level for Category 341 for the Agreement Year 1982 from 845,000 SYE to 1,019,000 SYE.

I am pleased to inform you that my Government agrees to this request and that your letter and this reply thereto constitute an amendment to the Agreement.

Sincerely,


Denis Lamb

Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Trade and Commercial Affairs
Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs